

AN ACT

relating to itemizing certain public notice expenditures in certain political subdivision budgets.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 140, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 140.0045 to read as follows:

Sec. 140.0045. ITEMIZATION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC NOTICE EXPENDITURES REQUIRED IN CERTAIN POLITICAL SUBDIVISION BUDGETS.

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), the proposed budget of a political subdivision must include a line item indicating expenditures for notices required by law to be published in a newspaper by the political subdivision or a representative of the political subdivision that allows as clear a comparison as practicable between those expenditures in the proposed budget and actual expenditures for the same purpose in the preceding year.

(b) This section does not apply to a junior college district.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by Section 140.0045, Local Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a proposed budget for a fiscal year beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

1 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 622 passed the Senate on March 29, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate adopted H.C.R. 143, requesting that the governor return S.B. 622 to the House for clerical actions on May 16, 2017; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 27, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 622 passed the House, with amendment, on May 9, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, two present not voting; and that the House adopted H.C.R. 143, requesting that the governor return S.B. 622 to the House for clerical actions on May 16, 2017.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor